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Dear Sir:

In furtherance of the Notice of Appeal filed on February 27, 2004, an Appellant's Brief was filed (in triplicate) in the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office on April 28, 2004 along with a One (1) Month Request for Extension of Time for the above-identified patent application. To date, we have not received the Examiner's Answer in response to the Appellant's Brief. It is respectfully requested that the attorney named below be advised of the status of the above-identified application. Please advise us of when we might expect to receive an Examiner's Answer from the Patent and Trademark Office.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 21987-00033-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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